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MR. ROBERTSON: Don Robertson, Las Vegas.

3 Number one, I'd like to say that I've heard
4 politicians, I should just say, other people say that
5 the government doesn't want to listen to what the
6 people of Nevada have to say. It's hard for them to
7 listen to what the citizens have to say because it's
8 fronted, I mean, the front end is crowded with
9 politicians. We've already heard what they have to
10 say. And so we, TV and in the press, and we have to
11 listen to them again down here.

12 And a lot of people here who are pro Yucca
13 Mountain have to work tomorrow and construction jobs
14 start at 5:00 and 6:00 in the morning and they have to
15 go home and go to sleep, so they can't wait until their
16 number finally comes up. But I've noticed a lot of
17 them say that, why should -- that other states should
18 keep their waste where the water tables are only six
19 feet down and run through the eastern half of the
20 United States. That sounds reasonable. The other
21 states that have nuclear plants, is nuclear power only
22 for their state or is it helping other states? And
23 does this state get any nuclear power? And if it does,
24 well, then, we should share in the waste. And if we
25 don't have Yucca Mountain, then we should distribute

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1 this plant in our backyards, you know, six inches down.

2 And as far as the statement made, \$60 billion
3 that the government, it was said we are spending --
4 this is the state of Nevada. State of Nevada isn't

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5 spending that. It would cost the state of Nevada the
6 same no matter where it was. This is government money.

7 But would we benefit? We would benefit
8 immensely in employment and -- to backtrack a little
9 bit -- this person said that they should spend money on
10 studying if we can recycle, or they are, science is
11 working on that, but it's not ready yet and we have to
12 do something in the meantime. So, and we have blowed
13 up bombs here, hundreds of them. This isn't a bomb
14 going off. This is burying it. There's a big
15 difference.

16 As far as the seismic point, if an earthquake
17 of that magnitude, I don't think there would be the
18 state of Nevada left anyway. As far as risk goes, if
19 you drive on the highway, you get in a wreck, do they
20 quit making cars? Do they shut down making highways,
21 flying planes? There's a plane wreck. Do they shut
22 down the airlines?

23 Other states have taken risks. Look at the
24 missile, the states that have all the missile silos.
25 They were targets when we had a nuclear crisis. They

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1 took risks for the rest of the United States, as far
2 back as World War II, Detroit was the only place that
3 made cars, trucks, tanks, they were the number one
4 target. They didn't complain.

5 So I think Nevadans ought to take their
6 share. I'm a Nevadan. Since we're the number one --
7 and employment I'm talking about, to benefit from it.

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8 You can't slip out the door without taking a risk. Can
9 you? Anything can happen. You know, you get struck by
10 lightning. The odds are better, I think, if they
11 really studied it. If we want a perfect safe world, or
12 safe community, we're not going to find it. This is
13 the wrong planet for that. It's not going to happen in
14 this country, this state, or this planet.

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